

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: MILI

SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: 75 STATE 215047

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY PNG DFRT THAT FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE RESTRICTED IMPORTS INTO PNG BY VIRTUE OF ITEM 67 OF THE CUSTOMS (PROHIBITED IMPORTS) REGULATIONS OF 1973 WHICH VESTS AUTHORITY IN THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY APPROVAL TO IMPORT SUCH ITEMS BEFORE THE CUSTOMS WILL ALLOW THE GOODS TO BE ENTERED INTO THE COUNTRY.

2. DFRT INDICATES THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE REMAINING QUESTIONS OUTLINED IN REF ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO US "AS SOON AS THEY ARE TO HAND".

COMMENT: POLOFF DISCUSSED ISSUES INVOLVED IN MUNITIONS CONTROL WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIAL MOST INVOLVED BEFORE REQUEST FOR DETAILED INFORMATION WAS SENT TO DFRT. CUSTOMS OFFICER PLANNED TO DRAW UP DETAILED REPLY FOR DFRT BUT IN INTERIM HAS BEEN ON LEAVE. HE IS CONVINCED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF COMMERCIAL CONSIGNEES TO OBTAIN LICENSES ARE FAIRLY TOUGH, AND THAT CONTROL OVER WEAPONS DISPOSITION AFTER IMPORTATION ARE GOOD. POST IS NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED THAT THIS IS THE CASE AND WOULD PREFER RESERVE JUDGMENT UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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